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GINGA

a child by a native. He has seen coolies for (several years past) some time past.

Per Gihle, who has just returned from the north part of the Alexandra Divⁿ whence I had sent him for native curios. 11. 8. 99 Spoke to several natives some miles (say 10-20) from Umzinto about the Indians who are numerous in the direction in which I went. Natives coincide, Indians are very industrious when holding on for they will plough uphill and down dale for miles! Natives however complain a good deal about Indians because they are pushing them off land they have bought or say they have bought. Natives are unable to tell if land has been bought or not. Had renderpest not cleared the cattle off there might have been some serious disputes with the Indians.

Dr. Tritton tells me (last night) that within his (District Medical) Circle there are about 3800 coolies, i.e. up to Highflats, to Inkomangi + I think Inzombe, also the coast line. He also mentioned two large settlements in this Division (a) at the Mpambanyoni River and at Charlie Reynolds' estate. There is an Indian Mission in Durban under Canon Booth, last house in Leopold St.

Ginga tells me (11. 8. 99) he is a policeman here: That coolies in his opinion are very great liars. If a person is buying anything in a store alone with the salesman it is quite possible for the Indian to accuse the native of having taken the money or not paid it and this quite falsely. Ginga has for years lived at Umzinto + he thinks this characteristic of lying is one of the most notable in the coolie.

17. 8. 99 Daligwe had a conversation today with a kehla, about the age of his father (58) named Mageza, chief Tshonkweni who lives about 1/2 or 2 miles from the village of Umzinto. He said many natives have been compelled by coolies to leave the neighbourhood of Umzinto, their kraals + families for Sauti's (Dumisa) and Tshonkweni's kraals in other parts of the Division. A coolie will turn up suddenly and go to the native's house right in front of a native kraal without notice. The native is then directed to clear out. Many kraals have to leave in this way. Mageza wonders when the natives will be permitted to busa (enjoy life ^{profit} by having incessant cares). They do everything they are ordered by the white people to do. Even though they are in the habit of paying taxes when living on land they are ordered to quit because it is said a coolie has bought the land. Natives do not see the reason for this. They are at present in the midst of troubles but do not know where to fly to. Natives, Mageza says, can see that the white people treat the coolie with greater consideration than ^{that with which} ~~the way in which~~ they are treated. - Mageza lives on a white man's farm. Has for many years past lived near the village of Umzinto. Has one wife, there are 3 huts in his kraal. Mageza blames the white people for causing natives